

24th March 2023

Dear Families,

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Term dates for 22 23 and 23 24 are on our website

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Useful information

Before and after school clubs : booking forms available on school website http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/48433 School uniform official supplier - other options are available, please see the school website for more information. www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey On-line payment website address www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop SENCo mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk



Girls Football tournament at HCCS on Wednesday 22 March 2023

Thank you to the super group of players who played in the tournament. They were a credit to our school!

Our esteemed team were:

Emily – See me rip this pitch up!

Chloe - I've got this in the bag just watch me!

Rosa – I didn't realise I could play this well!

Kacey – Don't forget me I'm in the goals!

Bethany – I'm everywhere see me go! Tippi – I am pretty good on this pitch!

Nancy – I am the team player you all need!

Esmeé – I'm dynamite on two feet!

Seren – Football is definitely my thing!

The girls played 4 games in all and came second in their league receiving shiny silver medals. Our first game was against Peover Superior and we won 3:0. Our second game was against HCPS and we drew 0:0. Our third games was against Lower Peover and we won 4:0.

We progressed to the finals and played HCPS and lost 2:1.

A fabulous afternoons entertainment which got the Head of School at HCCS out of his office bringing the deputy with him to watch the high standard of play. Thank you to our wonderful supportive parents! Mrs Flint



Well done **Gus Peake** for passing Level 5 at swimming.



Ralph was awarded Man of the Match again last Saturday after scoring a superb goal and doing some great defending. Ralph's football skills have come on so much and is a force to be reckoned with on the pitch

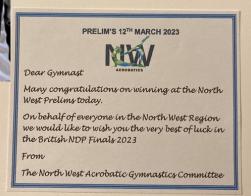




On Sunday 12th March **Seren** and her partners Emily and Emily competed in the North West Acrobatic Prelims. They won gold and will represent the North West in the British Finals in May.

The girls are a very new partnership and they only got their routine 3 weeks before the competition. I am super proud of them and their hard work and determination

We are keeping everything crossed for the finals in May.



Please keep sending your child's achievements for the newsletter so we can celebrate them together. I love knowing about what the pupils are doing both in and out of school.







P.T.A



Beetle Drive **Fantastic Family Fun!** Come and join in the fun Village Hall Friday 21st April 6 – 7.30 pm £2 per person **Prizes to be won!**

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Year 2 & Year 6 assessments will be ongoing throughout both the spring and summer term until the end of June 2023. It is vital that your child attends school for the whole of this period.

TAKING CHILDREN ON HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME

A guide for parents and carers

Frequently asked questions

Am I entitled to take my child out of school for a family holiday?

□ **NO.** Parents have a legal duty to ensure that their children attend school or the alternative provision on a regular basis

□ The Education Act 1996 makes it a criminal offence for a parent to *"fail to secure their child's regular attendance at the school"*

□ The amendments to the 2006 Regulations remove any reference to *family holidays, ex*tended leave and the statutory threshold of ten school days.

□ The amendments make clear that **Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence** (holiday) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances

□ The amendments give **parents no entitlement** to take their child out of school for a holiday in term time

□ The Head Teacher and Governing Body will determine what the exceptional circumstances are

If we decide to take a holiday during term time what should we do?

□ The parent/carer with whom the child resides must apply in writing to the school

□ The letter/application must explain the exceptional circumstance surrounding the request for the leave of absence

What will the school do then?

□ The Head Teacher will determine whether the exceptional circumstance ruling applies, if not the application will be declined

 Only the Headteacher (or the Deputy) has the power to approve leave of absence applications. When making the decision the protocols and criteria laid down in the school's attendance policy must be followed.

 Each academic year, schools inform parents/carers via a letter, newsletter or some other communication; that they may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice if their child has unauthorised absences in term time

 $\hfill\square$ You will receive a written response from the Headteacher (or the Deputy) letting you know if your application has been approved

 $\hfill\square$ If the holiday goes ahead after the application has been declined the absence will be recorded as unauthorised

What will happen if the absence is unauthorised?

□ The school will decide if a Penalty Notice should be issued. If the school decide that a Penalty Notice is to be issued

□ You will receive a letter from the school advising that it has referred the matter to the Local Authority and that a Penalty Notice may be issued;

□ The school will inform the Local Authority that a Penalty Notice needs to be issued

□ A Penalty Notice will be sent to you, accompanied by an explanatory letter; the Notice gives you the opportunity to pay a penalty fine instead of being prosecuted in the criminal courts

Penalties for unauthorised absence				
Timeline	One child	Two children		
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent	£60 per child = £120 per parent		
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child = £240 per parent		
After 28 days	You will receive a sum- mons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	You will receive a sum- mons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your chil- dren's regular attendance		

Payments will **not** be accepted after the 28th day and payments **cannot** be paid in part or by instalments

Each school has a designated Education Welfare Officer educationwelfareservice@cheshireeast.gov.uk or you can also telephone the main office.

Tel: 01270 375277 Website: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ews

Other leaflets are available to support you:

□ Taking action to improve attendance – explaining legal action - a guide for parents and carers

□ Helping your child to attend school. The role of the EWO - a guide for parents and carers

The expression "parent", in relation to a child or young person, includes any person who is not a parent of the child but who has parental responsibility for him/her, or who has care of the child.

Do you have a concern about a child?

Anyone can make a call if they have concerns about a child. This call can be made confidentially.

Cheshire East Consultation Service

The Cheshire East Consultation Service (ChECS) is the 'front door' for access to services, support and advice for children and their families.

General public

Phone ChECS on **0300 123 5012 (option 3)** Callers will be directed to a Unit Coordinator who will ask if the concerns are early help or safeguarding. You will then be directed to either Practitioner Support Officer for Early Help requests for support or a Social Worker (ChECS) for safeguarding concerns. The worker will gather your information and advise you of the next steps.

If you need to contact someone out of hours and you believe it to be an emergency that can't wait, please call our Emergency Duty Team on **0300 123 5022**.

If you have something that you would like putting in our newsletter please email it either to *head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk* or *admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk*

It needs to be with us by 12.00 on Thursday and attached to your email on a WORD document so once approved we can easily cut and paste. Thank you

We always welcome pieces about Goostrey pupils and their achievements outside of school. I love to hear what our pupils are celebrating and achieving outside school so we can celebrate in the newsletter and assembly.

The responsibility to get permission for other people's children to be on photographs lies with the sender not with the school.

We will usually allow local events to be advertised in the newsletter, especially if we think they will be of interest to our pupils and their families.

However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

Mid-Day Assistants Vacancies

We are seeking enthusiastic and caring people to join our team supervising our pupils over the lunchtime breaks. Please contact our School Business Manager, Mrs J Schurer-Lewis on 01270 918940 or via e-mail; admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk to request an application form and job description.

Goostrey Community Primary School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of our pupils. Successful applicants will be required to have enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service checks, and attend Basic Safeguarding awareness training



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Useful contacts and numbers.....

If there's any other information that you feel should be added to this page, as a weekly standing item, please let me know.

www.goostreypreschool.org.uk

Telephone: 07471 756720 - available during pre-school hours only.

Goostrey All Stars After School Club
Please click on the link below for full details of our after school provision and electronic copies of our registration and booking forms.
We are open Monday to Friday - 3pm to 6pm.
If you would like to see what the children have been up to this week, please follow us on Facebook or Twitter.
https://www.goostreyallstars.co.uk/
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Before School Club

from the reception desk. The cost is £4.00 per session and

the club operates on each school day, from 8.00 AM to 8

55 AM. Please note no food is served at this club.

If you would like to enrol your child for Goostrey Before School Club, please either download a booking form from our website www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or collect

The Chair of Governors and the Head teacher meet at least once a week. If you have anything you would like them to discuss / consider please let us know. We will always respond to you.

The web address for ordering school uniform is:

www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey

Class pages, on the school website have lots of up to date information for your child's class. Please keep looking at these as they are updated every week for you. Thank you

Compliments and Comments and Suggestions.

If you wish to give school general feedback about any aspect of school life, please email either Miss Atkins on head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or class teachers, whose email addresses are on each class page on the website; http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/classes